

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000095

Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter provided in writing.

University of Tasmania

Question

Is the Department aware of an offer being made to the University of Tasmania (UTas) for funding in the order of \$400 million? If so, is the Department aware of any conditions or arrangement contingent on or associated with this offer of funding to UTas?

Is the Department in possession of any modelling on the impact of the government's proposed higher education reforms to UTas? If so, can the Department release this modelling or a summary of it?

Answer

The Government is aware that the University of Tasmania (UTas) has developed a proposal designed to help it take greater advantage of the Government's higher education reforms.

The Government has not made any commitment to fund this proposal and at no stage did the Government offer UTas an amount of money.

In order to produce estimates of the impact of the Government's proposed higher education reforms on UTas, the Department would have to make assumptions regarding:

- the distribution of student load by discipline over the next several years for UTas
- the Consumer Price Index and the current higher education specific index for the next several years
- the share of research training load and grants for UTas over the next several years.

As such, it is not possible to provide accurate estimates of the impact of the higher education reforms on UTas.